THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCE AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) In another round of talks on 25th July 1988 the Chief Minister West Bengal, Shri Jyoti Basu and GNLF President, Shri Subash Ghising met in Delhi at the residence of Union Home Minister, Shri Buta Singh to arrive at a negotiated settlement of the problem of the Darjeeling Hill areas. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphers and the talks ended in complete understanding between both the parties over the formation of Darjeeling Gorkha Hill Council. Various issues raised by Shri Ghising were discussed at this tripartite meeting. The final agreement which was reached in principle, will be signed at Calcutta at a later date. The three participants at the meeting expressed their sense of deep gratitude to the Prime Minister for his help and cooperation in finding a peaceful and negotiated solution to this problem. This round of talks followed an earlier tripartite meeting held in New Delhi on 29th June, 1988.

Counter moved announced by 'Babri Masjid Committee' and 'Ram Janam Bhoomi Mukti Action Committee' regarding the disputed shrine

764. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the 'Babri Masjid Committee' and 'Ram Janam Bhoomi Mukti Action Committee' have announced counter moves regarding the disputed shrine; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to diffuse the situation and settle the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The Babri Masjid Movement Coordination Committee has announced a 'Mini March, on 12-8-1988 and "Ayolhya March" on 14-10-1988 to offer prayers inside the disputed shrine. To counter this move, the Ram Janam Bhoomi Mukti Yagna Samiti have recently appeald to to Hindus to intercept the volunteers of Ayodhya March and prevent them from entering into Ayodhya. The Government is keeping a close watch on the situation and will take all necessary steps to maintain peace and communal harmony.

Scheduled Caste Certificate Forms stolen from Dy. Commissioner's Office, Delhi

765. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently a large number of Scheduled Castes Certificate forms were stolen from the office of the Deputy Commissioner, Delhi; and

(b) if so, what follow-up action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): According to the Delhi Administration, a number of blank Scheduled Caste Certificate forms have been found missing from the store of the Deputy Commissioner, Delhi.

Following steps have been taken up by the Administration:—

1. A criminal case has been registered with the Police.

2. Concerned officials have been suspended.